

Team Decision Making (TDM)

A CPS meeting process that includes family members, their extended family or other support persons, foster parents (if the child is in placement), child (12 years of age or older) service providers, other community representatives, the caseworker of record, the supervisor and, often, resource staff from CPS. The meeting is a sharing of all information about the family which relates to the protection of the children and functioning of the family. The goal is to reach consensus on a decision regarding placement and to make a plan which protects the children and preserves or reunifies the family. TDM meetings should be held for ALL placement related decisions, for all families served by CPS.